

## **MINUTES OF THE HOWARD COUNTY PLANNING BOARD – November 5, 2009**

Members Present: Linda Dombrowski, Chairperson Dave Grabowski, Vice-Chair; Tammy CitaraManis; Paul Yelder

Members Absent: None

DPZ Staff Present: Marsha McLaughlin; Zan Koldewey; Bob Lalush; Laura Boone

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Ms. Dombrowski opened the public meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m.

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

ZRA 127 – Marsha S. McLaughlin

Presented By: Bob Lalush

Petition: AZR: To amend Section 122.B of the Zoning Regulations to add the category “Hospital, intermediate care facilities and residential centers” as a use permitted as a matter of right in the M-1 District, etc.

DPZ Recommendation: Approval

Ms. McLaughlin asked that the case be postponed.

Ms. Dombrowski asked for any public testimony, all chose to wait. The case was tentatively moved to November 19, pending staff resolution of outstanding issues.

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### **PUBLIC MEETING**

ZRA 117 - Apiaries

Presented By: Zan Koldewey

Petition: To amend the Supp. Zoning Regulation Section of the Zoning Ordinance to allow apiaries to be located within the current 200 ft. s/b on res. lots.

DPZ Recommendation: Approval

Petitioner’s Representative: Greg Fox, Councilperson and Mary Kay Sigaty, Councilperson

Ms. Koldewey gave a brief overview of the proposal and asked the Board for questions.

Councilman Greg Fox and Councilwoman Mary Kay Sigaty presented their case by calling on various experts for background information and to answer Board questions.

Mr. Allen Hayes, President, Howard County Beekeepers Association, spoke in support and answered questions regarding bee flight paths, water sources, possible limits on hive quantities, and flight range.

Mr. Jerry Fisher, Maryland State Apiarist for the Maryland Department of Agriculture, spoke in support and gave the Board copies of Baltimore City and Baltimore County Code regarding beekeeping. He answered questions about bee disease, the sale of bees and honey, honey houses and code in other jurisdictions.

Mr. Stephen McDaniel, President, Maryland State Beekeepers Association, spoke in support explaining the difference between honey bees and yellow jackets. He then answered questions.

Mr. Howie Feaga, Howard County Farm Bureau, spoke in support and answered questions.

Ms. Georgia Eacker, University of Maryland, Extension Howard County, Master Gardeners, spoke in support stating the importance of bees for pollination.

Councilman Fox read testimony from Kathy Zimmerman, Agricultural Marketing specialist, Howard County Economic Development Authority, stating the importance of bees to our agricultural community.

Councilwoman Sigaty answered the Board's remaining questions, adding a recommended change to the Technical Staff report.

Mr. Peperone spoke in opposition stating his concerns of injury, inconvenience and loss of property value to neighboring property owners.

Ms. Nancy Pilotte spoke in opposition to beekeeping in the New Town district because of the close proximity of homes and the risk of injury to homes and homeowners.

Mr. Eva Lambright, River Hill Community Association, spoke in opposition, requesting changes to the height, distance and water requirements.

Mr. Greg Schwind spoke in opposition requesting the proposal be amended to not apply to any property with density greater than two units per acre and increasing the setbacks because of risk of injury.

The following people spoke in support of the proposal, for a variety of reasons expressed in previous supporting testimony:

Ms. Janice Asato

Mr. Edwin Gould

Mr. Roger Frissora

Mr. Don Dunn

Mr. Don Bandel

Ms. Lisa Badart

Ms. Jaimie Wilder

Ms. Maria Wilder

Mr. James Chaisson

Ms. Karen Koelbel

Ms. Maggie Goodmuth

Ms. Janet Link

Ms. Jocelyn Kojzar

Ms. Nancy Perkins

Ms. Joan Lancos for Hickory Ridge Community Association

Mr. James Denny

Mr. Jeri Hemerlein

Ms. Daniel Hemerlien

Mr. Charles Hancock

Mr. Wayne Esaias

Mr. Marc Hoffman

Ms. Meme Thomas

Councilman Greg Fox suggested that any further public testimony be submitted in writing, the Board agreed and there was no objection from the public. The Board set December 11<sup>th</sup> as the deadline to submit written testimony and planned a public work session for January 7<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Capital Improvement Program**

C0414 – One Maryland Broad Band Plan

Presented by: Ira Levy  
Project: A project resulting from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) to include all costs to administer and purchase and Install dark fiber infrastructure across 10 local government jurisdictions in order to interconnect local government, state and private networks, to improve public safety operability, foster economic development and to directly connect over 800 community anchor institutions including schools, libraries and community centers, and other public facilities as needed.  
DPZ Recommendation: High Priority  
Petitioner's Representative: Ira Levy

### **Testimony:**

Mr. Ira Levy requested creation of new capital project with no funds at this time so that if the grant request is awarded, funds would be transferred from contingency. He requested this be done in a timely manner so that if the grant is awarded work can begin immediately.

### **Motion:**

Ms. CitaraManis motioned to recommend this project as high priority. Mr. Grabowski seconded the motion.

### **Vote:**

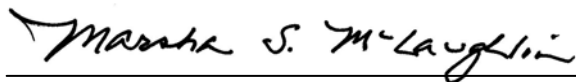
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Nay 0. The motion was carried.

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE PLANNING BOARD ADJOURNED AT 11:25 P.M.



Marsha McLaughlin  
Executive Secretary

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Laura Boone  
Recording Secretary